

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks filed April 24, 2007, as well as the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim 53 has been amended to include the same limitations as previously amended claim 36.

Claims 41-48, 54-58 and 65-73 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

No new matter has been added to the application by these amendments.

In view of the above-discussed amendments, each of the independent claims requires that the nickel is nickel salt, and that both lead segregated on the surface of the liquid-contacting part and nickel salt remaining as a residual on the lead, or the nickel salt alone, are removed with the cleaning fluid. Additionally, each of the independent claims recites the concentrations of nitric acid and hydrochloric acid. Thus, the arguments set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection apply to each of the pending claims.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, as well as the amendments and remarks set forth April 24, 2007, it is submitted that the ground of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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